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CHEESE MAKERS  
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Dear Wisconsin State Senators,

We write on behalf of the members of the Wisconsin Cheese Makers Association to ask for your action to again confirm Secretary-designee Randy Romanski as leader of the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP).

Secretary-designee Romanski has a long and distinguished career in public service, including his past DATCP leadership. In his tenure, he has proven himself to be a steady, accessible agency head, and we regard him as a valuable partner in our efforts to strengthen and expand the state's dairy processing industry.

Over the past three years, Secretary-designee Romanski has collaborated with legislative leaders to target investments in agricultural export endeavors, which are already resulting in business growth. He played a key role in the development of the Food Security Initiative, creating critical connections between Wisconsin food processors and hunger relief organizations. He has smartly directed dairy processor grants, supporting our industry's modernization to ensure we remain competitive in a global marketplace. Our members also appreciate his efforts to address regulatory concerns and ensure that his team maintain open and productive lines of communication with industry.

WCMA members believe swift Senate confirmation of Secretary-designee Romanski will be of great benefit to the agency, the state, and our industry, and we appreciate your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

John Umhoefer  
Executive Director

Rebekah Sweeney  
Senior Director, Programs & Policy

*Note: For more than 130 years, the Wisconsin Cheese Makers Association has served as the voice of cheese and dairy manufacturers, processors, and marketers. Today, WCMA represents 115 dairy processing companies and cooperatives operating across the United States and around the world, backed by 550 companies that supply equipment and services to the industry.*